

WARD KEEPER

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SPEECH

before the Kings MAJESTY and
both Houses in the High Court of Parliament.

Concerning His Majesties Reigne with the

{ Bishops,
Judges,
&
Peeres of the Land. }

With

The Kings Majesties Speech, or Charge to the Speaker.



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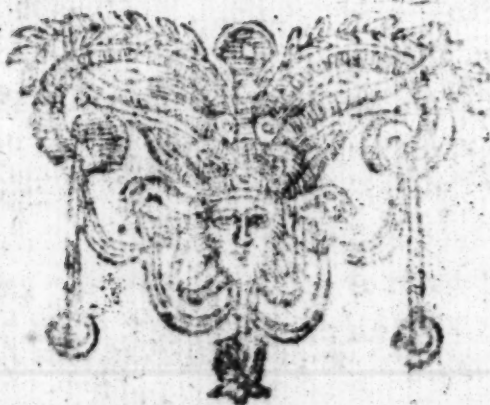
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THE
Lord Keeper His Noble Speech
In Parliament.



Hen did ever King of this
Kingdome, sit in white
robes so long yeeres to-
gether, & scarce any one
made to feele the sensible
stroake of the Axe, nor
blood drawne, but in pet-
ty and particular causes.

Mr. Speaker, It was a good wish, and I will joyne
with you in it with all my heart; that they may be
cursed and anatomized by the Parliament, by all
the Kingdome, and by all succeeding Ages, that goe
about in the least way to innovate or alter any thing
in that happy government.

*The Commons applauding his Lordships expres-
sion with a generall hymne, His Lordship pro-
ceeded.*

It is a joyfull acclamation, and I doubt not, but that

your hearts are full: and certainly you my Lords, and you of the house of Comons, will easily know, that those that are of that spirit, and that disposition, will surely resolve all their debates, and all their actions into Reales, and into Cades principles, which is to ruine the Nobility, to ruine the Gentry, to ruine and eat up one another.

Mr. *Speaker*, you have lifted up your Contemplations, and raised them on five excellent pillars.

That of religion, you doe well in the first place to begin with; for certainly, it is that which must season all our other blessings: and it is that, to which we ought to ascribe the great happinesse that wee have so long enjoyed. In that, with great judgment and discretion, you fixe your eye and your case upon the reverend prelates, that assist his Majesty on his right hand. Certainly to them, and to their *Predecessors* we owe the due preservation of the Gospell, in that purity and sincerity that now we enjoy it.

Let any man but looke backe, from the first of *Queene Elizabeth*, and somewhat before to these times, and see to whom we owe it most.

The Prophet *Elizha*, when he had *Elias* spirit doubled upon him, he tooke up his Mantle, and there are golden Candlesticks, and there are garres of *Saphire*, and *Onix*, and other rich stones spoken of, as well in the new Testament, as in the old. And God forbid, that wee should live to see God, that is the God of decency, served in such sort and manner, as *Plow-men* come home from their ploughes.

Mr. *Speaker*, you shall not need to doubt, but that his

indignation shall be [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

his Majesties pious example vnpresidented by a King: (if I should say by any man I should not say amisse) will give you for the house of Commons, and all the world, cause to rest confident; and most assured of his zeale and constancy in the Religion which hee professeth; which nothing within, or without the Kingdome hath ever found to move.

In the next place, you looke upon the Judges and Sages of the Law, and well you may, persons for gravity and for learning: certainly not exceeded in any age. And for justice and integrity, I am sure if any of them be guilty of the least defect therein, they have the least reason reason to be excused for it, that ever Judges in any time or age. They have the example of the King, they have the freedome of his royall Election, if they have received from time to time charge and command, that they should with equity, and with indifferency distribute that Justice committed to them: and so discharge the trust by God laid upon his Majesty, and by him transmitted to their dispensation.

For Chivalry, the next pillar on which you set up the Trophies of honour, the Grandees, and great Lords of this Kingdome. You behold them in number, I thinke, far greater then ever their Ancestors were: and I doubt not, but their courage is every way equall, and I assure my selfe, they will never forget the famous Acts, that have left them honorable to all posterity, nor doe the least thing that may deface the monumentall name and accounts of them: or that may in the least kind staine their nobility and magnanimity.

For Commence, it is most certaine, Mr. Speaker,
it is the Royall Mines of this Kingdom, the East &
West Indies of our Nation: and in that we have all
great cause to blesse God, and to give humble thanks
to his Majesty, that he takes such paines to maintain
and encourage it: that this Nation never had a more
flourishing time since the Conquest, then now it
hath.

There remains but unity, and as you say well,
without that we can never be happy: I will but
turne your saying, you have said, *Si sumus insepara-*
biles, sumus insuperabiles, I will but say it is a bor-
rowed one; but it is a true one: and I will as soone
borrow that, *Si icollidimur, frangimur*.

Mr. Speaker, let all the world avoid distrust, as-
sure your selfe, there will not lack one of malignant
and ill affections, there will not lack one from pestilent
and peevish indeavours to make good their actions,
there will not lack malicious and ambitious spi-
rits, that may disjoynt and unknit his Majesty and
this House.

And you of the House of Commons, you see his
Majesty hath gratically invited you hither: and let
me put you in mind, that you forget not what was
said unto you, which how soever I will repeat unto
you, that you may the better remember.

That there is nothing doth so much rake, a grati-
ous and good nature as humble, sweet, and cheerfull
expressions of affection.

For your Petitions, his Majesty hath heard them
all, and grants them all as fully and as freely, as ever
him.

in other Parliaments did, or have any of his predecessors before him done.

And therefore there remaines nothing now, but that you goe on with cheerfulnessse, you goe on with duty, you goe on with the expressions, that may rejoyce the heart of so gracious, so just, and so good'a King; and that may be more then showers in the drought, and heat of Summer to refresh and cheere this Kingdome, and all his Majesties Dominions.

His Maiesties SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker,

I Will onely say one word to you, now that you are the Speaker, I command you to doe the Office of a Speaker; which is faithfully to report the great cause of the meeting, that my Lord Keeper in my name, did represent unto you the last day, with this assurance, that you giving me your timely helpe, in this great affaire, I shall give a willing eare to all our just Grievances.



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